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SUBJECT: UK-ISCLAND FISHERIES DISPUTE

1. DURING MEETING WITH SECRETARY SEPTEMBER 24, SIR ALEC DUGLAS-HOME SAID BRITISH ARE CONSIDERING APPROACH TO ICELANDIC PRIME MINISTER TO SEE IF MODUS VIVENDI CAN BE WORKED OUT IN CONNECTION WITH FISHERIES DISPUTE. SIR ALEC SAID THAT SO FAR ICELANDERS HAVE REFUSED TO GIVE ASSURANCES THAT THEY WOULD NOT HARRASS BRITISH TRAWLERS WHILE NETOTIATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS. HOWEVER, IF BRITISH WERE TO PULL BACK FRIGATES AND TRAWLERS WERE HARRASSED, THIS WOULD CAUSE GREAT DIFFICULTY DOMESTICALLY IN UK.

2. SIR ALEC SAID THEY WOULD UNDERTAKE FURTHER EFFORT WITH ICELANDERS FOR SAKE OF NATO ALTHOUGH BRITISH SEE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN FISHERIES PROBLEM AND SECURITY ISSUE. SIR ALEC COMMENTED THAT ICELANDIC MINISTER OF FISHERIES IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PERSON TO DEAL WITH.

3. SECRETARY NOTED SIR ALEC'S COMMENTS AND MADE CLEAR BRITISH WERE UNDER NO PRESSURE FROM US ON THEIR FISHERIES DISPUTE WITH ICELAND.

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